

SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION UP FROM 2002

Based on July 1 conditions, the Minnesota **SPRING WHEAT** crop is forecast at 79.2 million bushels, up 29% from last year and tied with 2001 production, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels per acre from last year. Acres for harvest are the same as 2002 at 1.8 million acres.

BARLEY growers expect a crop of 9.3 million bushels, up 45% from last year. Yield at 62 bushels per acre up 23 bushels from last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 150,000 acres, down 9% from 2002.

OAT production is forecast at 16.6 million bushels, up 4% from 2002. Yield at 64 bushels is up 8 bushels from 2002. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 260,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from last year.

FALL POTATO acres planted totaled 61,000 acres. Harvested acres are estimated to be 55,000 acres. The planted and harvested levels are the same as 2002.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING WHEAT production is forecast at 502 million bushels, up 27% from 2002. The U.S. yield is forecast at 37.3 bushels per acre, 8.0 bushels higher than last year. Of this total, 467 million is Hard Red Spring wheat, up 31% from last season.

WINTER WHEAT production is forecast at 1.72 billion bushels. This is up 6% from last month and 50% from 2002. The U.S. yield is forecast at 47.0 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last month.

DURUM WHEAT production is forecast at 93.5 million bushels, up 18% from 2002. The U.S. yield is forecast at 34.1 bushels per acre, 4.7 bushels more than last year.

BARLEY production for 2003 is forecast at 292 million bushels, 28% above 2002. Based on July 1 conditions, the average yield is forecast at 59.5 bushels per acre, up 4.6 bushels from last year.

OAT production is forecast at 148 million bushels, 24% above last year's 119 million bushels. The forecasted yield is 64.7 bushels per acre, 7.9 bushels above 2002. If realized, this would be the highest yield since 1992.

Area planted to **FALL POTATOES** this year is estimated at 1.11 million acres, down 3% from last year but 2% above two years ago. Harvest is expected from 1.09 million acres, down 2% from a year ago but 2% above 2001.

MINNESOTA & U.S. SMALL GRAIN HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

| COMMODITY | 2002 HARVESTED ACRES | 2003 HARVESTED ACRES | 2002 YIELD | 2003 YIELD | 2002 PRODUCTION | 2003 PRODUCTION |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| -1,000 ACRES- | | | -BUSHEL- | | -1,000 BUSHEL- | |
| MINNESOTA | | | | | | |
| SPRING WHEAT | 1,800 | 1,800 | 34.0 | 44.0 | 61,200 | 79,200 |
| BARLEY | 165 | 150 | 39.0 | 62.0 | 6,435 | 9,300 |
| OATS | 285 | 260 | 56.0 | 64.0 | 15,960 | 16,640 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| SPRING WHEAT | 13,463 | 13,448 | 29.3 | 37.3 | 394,189 | 501,504 |
| DURUM WHEAT | 2,703 | 2,738 | 29.4 | 34.1 | 79,450 | 93,495 |
| WINTER WHEAT | 29,651 | 36,491 | 38.5 | 47.0 | 1,142,802 | 1,715,912 |
| BARLEY | 4,135 | 4,899 | 54.9 | 59.5 | 226,873 | 291,527 |
| OATS | 2,098 | 2,286 | 56.8 | 64.7 | 119,132 | 147,895 |